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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 October 2008.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1,2,4-7,10 and 12-17 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) 1,2,4-7 and 15-17 is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 10 and 14 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) 12 and 13 is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on July 3, 2008 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

3. Claims 10 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kinley 4572288 in view of Anderson 5369579.

Kinley discloses an apparatus for releasing cable comprising cable cutter (105) is arranged between a cable and a well tool the cutter comprising an electronic timer (29), which control the cable cutter, the timer comprising a receiver (51) fro receiving reset signals and an outlet (E3 to igniter see fig. 4) for control of a cutter control (A, electric igniter see fig. 5) which is connected to the cutter (105) and a pickup (53) which generates reset signals. Due to the conductive wiring of the circuit board, the current will always be flowing through, and thus steadily detected by, the pickup. Kinley does not disclose auxiliary inlets. Anderson teaches a cutter control that has auxiliary inlets in order to get formation information before, during and after blast of an explosive charge (col. 3, lines 48-52). As it would be advantageous to have formation information before, during and after blast of an explosive charge, it would be obvious

to it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the method disclosed by Kinley to have auxiliary inlets in view of the teachings of Anderson.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1, 2, 4-7, and 15-17 are allowed.
5. Claims 12 and 13 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments filed July 3, 2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The Applicant argues that the pickup of Kinley cannot steadily detect the current in the cable simply because of the statement "when power is first applied to the circuit board, counter reset circuit 53 generates a positive pulse". Nevertheless, there is nothing that says that current cannot continually flow through, and be detected by, 53, especially when one considers the electrical conductors that run through 53 are connected to other components on the board, not just counter 51.

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shane Bomar whose telephone number is (571)272-7026. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 6:30am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jennifer H. Gay can be reached on 571-272-7029. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Shane Bomar/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3676